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ORGANIZATIONAL AND STAFF STRUCTURE OF UNIDO

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its decision GC.4/Dec.22, the General Conference decided to request the Industrial Development Board to pursue the examination of the organizational and staff structure of UNIDO with a view to reaching a decision that could be adopted by the General Conference at its fifth regular session.

2. In order to facilitate the further examination of the matter by Member States, the Director-General presented a progress report (IDB.10/24) to the tenth session of the Board on the reform of the organizational and staff structure of UNIDO along with revised proposals on a new organizational framework for the UNIDO Secretariat. The revised proposals were intended to help advance the process of decision-making on the matter.

3. At its tenth session, the Industrial Development Board took up the reform of the organization and staff structure of UNIDO. After debating the item, the Board decided to adjourn the consideration of a decision on the subject to its eleventh session (GC.5/3, para. 40).

4. Also at the tenth session, attention was focused on the relative priorities within the medium-term plan, 1994-1999, and it was decided to request the President of the Industrial Development Board to conduct informal consultations to study those priorities, bearing in mind the financial and technical capacity of UNIDO (decision IDB.10/Dec.8). The outcome of those consultations, which will be submitted to the Board at its eleventh session, as well as the findings of the recently established Task Force on Priorities and Structural Reform of UNIDO, will have a direct bearing on the reformed organizational and staff structure of UNIDO.

ACTION REQUIRED OF THE BOARD

5. The Board may wish to consider the adoption of an appropriate course of action that will permit the General Conference to reach a decision in keeping with the request expressed in decision GC.4/Dec.22.

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